

# SPIRITUAL WAR

EPHESIANS 6

## GOSPEL OF PEACE & SHIELD OF FAITH JANUARY 26, 2020

“<sup>15</sup>and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.”  
Ephesians 6:15-16

### WEEKLY SERMON REFLECTION

- ◆ How did the message on “The Gospel of Peace & Shield of Faith” speak to you personally?
- ◆ Why is that important to you?
- ◆ What part of this truth is the biggest challenge for you?

### HEAD

- ◆ Gospel of Peace: Why do you think Paul uses the word “readiness” rather than “knowledge” when speaking about the gospel of peace?
- ◆ Gospel of Peace: How would “peace” impact the life of a soldier who is in the midst of a battle? What does this mean for our daily battles?
- ◆ Gospel of Peace: Why do you think the gospel is associated with a soldier’s sandal/boot? What does the term “fitted” have to do with this?
- ◆ Gospel of Peace: “Readiness” can be associated with preparation. Why is our preparation with the gospel so important for a disciple?
- ◆ Shield of Faith: What does the phrase “take up” say about the everyday, practical steps of faith? If we have faith, why would we need to take it up?
- ◆ Shield of Faith: What are some obvious “flaming arrows” in your life and what would be some not-so obvious ones?

### HEART

- ◆ Gospel of Peace: How have you experienced peace in your life because of the gospel?
- ◆ Shield of Faith: The text says that the shield extinguishes the flaming arrows. It doesn’t say it might extinguish them. Why do we tend to forget this? What do unextinguished arrows mean about your faith?

Life Group Discussion Guide

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- ◆ Shield of Faith: If a shield is used with faith, what does this look like for the believer who has lived a life full of faith? What sort of action or characteristics do you think this person would live out?

## **ACTION**

- ◆ This week how can you take steps towards readiness with the gospel?
- ◆ What flaming arrow have you not lifted the shield of faith towards? How can we as a group pray for you in this battle?

